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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK. ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND,..... 500,000 Dollars.

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N Ourrent Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cout. per annum on the daily balanco. On Fixed Deposits : -For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum,

4 per cent. ;, 5 per cent, ...

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

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Ohief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No, I, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

### **Notices of Firms**

NOTICE.

TR. DALTON SAYLE was admitted a IVI Partner in our Firm on the Blat of July, 1876. SAYLE & Co.

Hougkong, March 16, 1877.

NOTICE.

TATE have This Day Established a Branch of our Firm at Shanghai under the Management of Mr Alfred F. O. KRAUSS, who will sign for us by Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Canton and Hongkong, April 1, 1877.

NOTICE.

TR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony. R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices, and Lloyds Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTIOE.

TURING the Temporary Absence of the Undersigned, Mr EDWARD MOORE will act as Fecretary of the Society in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. EDE. Secretary.

Hongkong, April 2, 1877.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. N and after the 16th day of November, 1870, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above named DISPEN-SARY will be carried on by the Under-

signed. WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

#### Intimations.

MEDICAL HALL. 37. Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1853. -TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876.

HONGKONG.

Watchmakers & Jewellers, 38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS. CHRONOMETERS.

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantes. All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch. Hongkong, May 1, 1876,

> W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

BILLIARDS. TONS. PIERRE CARME, the Champion Cannon Player of the World, will give Three Exhibitions at the HONG. KONG HOTEL, on THURSDAY the 5th, FRIDAY the 6th, and SATURDAY the 7th Commencing Each Evening at 9 o'clock. The GAME will be 1,000 Points up, when Mons. Carme offers to any Gentleman 500 Points who wishes to play him. After the Game, Mons, Carme will Show

some Fancy Shots. Admission: -Season Ticket, ........... \$4. Single Ticket,..... 2.

Seats can be secured at the Office of the HONGRONG HOTEL, Hongkong, April 2, 1877.

NOTICE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been Appointed SOLE AGENTS for China and Japan, for JOSEPH STARKEY, LONDON, Manufacturer of Gold and Silver Laces. Embroidery, &c., and Military and Naval Appointments of every Description.

A Stock of these Goods will be kept on hand, for the Regiments stationed here, as well as for the ENGLISH and AMERICAN NAVIES. Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY. LIMITED.

COMMENCING on FRIDAY Next, the 16th Instant, the Steamer POWAN will Run as a Night Boat between HONG. by Public Auction, on KONG and CANTON, leaving Honokong. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 5.30 p.m , and Canton on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, at 5.00 p.m.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877.

O. ROGERS, DENTAL SURGEON, No. 7. ARBUTHNOT ROAD. Begs to inform his Friends that he intends ing ABSENT from HONGKONG for Six

or Eight Weeks, leaving early in AFRIL.

Hongkong, March 12, 1877. NOTIFICATION.

INSPECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS, PEHINO, 20th March, 1877.

THE FIRST OF APRIL having been sauc tioned by Imperial Decree as the date for the Opening of Ichand, Wull WENCHOW and Pageot to Foreign Trade, the Custom Houses there will on that day commence the transaction of business. In this connection the following appoint-

ments have been made i-Mr T. Diex to be Commis' iter of Customs at Ithang ir F.E. WOODRUNE .. H. E. Hopson Pakhoi E. McKean

Arrangements have not yet been completed for the Discharge and Shipment of Cargo at Sha-shi, Lti-ki-kow, Wu-stieh, Hu-kow, An-king and Ta-tung. Due notice will hereafter be given.

By Order of the Inspector General 81 Customs, COLIN JAMIESON,

Chief Berrstary, Officiating.

intimations.

# FRICKEL

LANDED EX S. S. "BELGIO."

COMB HONEY,

CALIFORNIA BUTTER, in 2 lb. Glass Jars, very fine,

BUTTER in Kegs, OHEESE, HAMS,

SMOKED SALMON, SALMON, in 1 & 2 lb, Tins, Libby's CORNED BEEF, in 2. & 4 fb. Tins,

Libby's CORNED TONGUES,

Royal Glen Des WHISKY. OATMEAL,

Also Ex " Viking." COD FISH, in 4 & 7 to. Tins, RED HERRINGS.

Perry & Co.'s Superior BURMAH CIGARS.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

AH YON,

OOMPRADORE AND SHIPS STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya West. SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 6th April, 1877, at Noon,-Oilman's Stores, Jams, Raisins, Bonbons,-Cotton Socks, Table Knives, Corkscrews, Sailor's Knives, Silk Umbrellas, Water Proof Coats, Writing Ink, Towels, Purses, Pencils, Blacklead, Fowling Pieces.

2 casks RUM. 2 cases BOOKS, "The Commercial Annals for China, Japan, The Philippines, and The Far East Generally."

TERMS OF SALE .- Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. apl4 The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, April 3, 1877.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sel

THURSDAY,

the 12th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m.,-ON THE SPOT Unless previously disposed of by Private

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 54, comprising 10,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 100 feet, and from East to West 100 feet, with a substantial Brick Dwelling House and Out-houses built thereon, known as "Carlton House."

Annual Crown Rent, \$131.40.

Brick Godown built thereon.

That Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situate in Queen's Road East, Registered in Land Office as Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 square feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet, with a substantial

That Piece or Unbuilt Levelled GROUND, attached to the above Lot, and Registered in Land Office as same Inland Lot No. 768, comprising 6,000 equare feet, measuring from North to South 150 feet, and from East to West 40 feet. Annual Crown Hent, \$185.08, for Inland Lot No. 768.

Tenus One half of the purchase motiey to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the remainder on dompletion of the Deed of Transfer. The Buildings will be at purchasers risk after the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, March 18, 1877.

Mixed, Onion, Piccalilli and Chow Chow

PICKLES,

TOMATO CATSUP,

PIG'S FEET,

Small HOMINY,

Large HOMINY,

Yellow CORN MEAL,

Buck Wheat FLOUR,

Boker's BITTERS,

BRAWN,

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA

FLOUR.

FURNITURE SALE. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell

Auctions.

Public Auction, on SATURDAY,

the 7th April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at No. 11, Old Bailey Street, the Residence of J. SOUTHAN, Esq.,

The whole of his Household FURNI-TURE, comprising : Rep Covered Chairs, Couches, Mirrors, Clocks, Carpets, Sideboard, Mahogany Wardrobe with Mirror Door, Marble-top Dressing Table, and Washstands, Iron Bedsteads.

HARMONIUM. Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture will be on view on the Morning

of the Sale. TERMS OF SALE. — Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers, risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, April 2, 1877. PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 7th day of April, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-An Invoice of JAPANESE LAC-QUERED WARE, Ivory Carvings, Bronzes, Porcelain Ware, Tortoise-shell ap6 Ware, Cabinets, Glove Boxes, Desks, Jewellery Boxes, Inlaid Cabinets, Vases, Tea Sets, Cups, Buttons, Stude, Lockets, Bracelets, Necklaces, Brooches, Earrings, Mother-of-Pearl Ornaments, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG. Auctioneer. Hongkong, April 8, 1877.

To Let.

TO LET. ATO. 8. PEUHILI TERRACE, ELGIN STREET, with Immediate Possession.

Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TTOUSE No. 7. Cains Road, lately occupled by Mr Parker. House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. B. H. Kipp. Biance Villa, Pok-foo-lum, Furnished. DAVID SASSOON, SOMS & Co. Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

TO LET.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road. The Dwelling House No. 2, Gough Street, Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, November 17, 1876: TO BE LET.

THE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road

at present in the occupation of the Burneo Company. TURNER & Co. Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, THE IRON SCREW STEAMER

FIGE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Messrs Dobbie & Co., under special survey of LLOYDS, and Her MACHINERY AND BOILER were made by Messrs James Howden & Co. under special inspection. She was constructed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She underwent general Repairs in 1875, when New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the Hongkong AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March FOR SWATOW, AMOY, TAIWANFOO of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS .- Length between Perpendi culars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 8 inches Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Dock to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 41

GROSS TONNAGE. -- 550 Tons. CLASS. - Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds'. Rrg.-Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY .- About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.) DRAFT. - Light 9 feet : Loaded 121 feet. SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 81 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY. - 75 tons coals. CARIN. - Under Awning Deck aft; salcon pantry and five state rooms, with accom modation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

Engine. - A pair of Howden's patent High and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 inches in diameter : Stroke 30 inches. PROFELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades.

Winch.-One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck. BOILER.-One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 8 Furnaces, tested

for a working pressure of 60 pounds. MORRIS & RAY.

with One Spare Set of Blades.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE. MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse Power Nominal, High and Low Pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSEB and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2

Tons per 24 Hours. The Engine is quite new; was manufactured by Messra Matthew Paul & Co. Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila.

L'articulars may be obtained on applica-

MORRIS & RAY. Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE, TOY TENDER, the whole Stock-in-D Trade of the TAKU TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY, consisting of the following

Steamers :-Carrying Capacity Steam Tug & Lighter Algerine, ... 3,500 pcls. Pathfinder, 1,800 ,, Steam Tog Orphan,....

Tenders will Receive immediate atten-Apply to TAKU TUG & LIGHTER Co.,

Taku, March 12, 1877.

FOR SALE. SET of Dr. Morrison's Chinese and H English DIOTIONARY, in Five VOLUMES. Price very moderate.

WONG MAN YU TONG,

48 A, Hollywood Road. Hongkong, March 81, 1877.

FOR SALE, AT CANTON.

Apply to

STEAM COTTON MILL, well adapt-A ed for Working Native COTTON, either Ningpo or Tientsin. Capable of Making 3 piculs of Yarn in 12 hours, consisting of |--

Steam Engine and Boller 18 Horse Power Nominal, 1,280 Spindles, 12 Carding and 2 Drawing Machines, 1 Speeder 18 Spindles, 1 Stretcher 60 Spindles, 1 Lap Machine, 1 Cotton Gin, Bobbins, &c., with Shafting

and Belting Complete. For Further Particulars and Terms of Sale, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 14, 1877. apl4 ROW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal Svo., pp. 202.-By ERNEST JOHN Ettel, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price I Two Doubals and a Hatt. To be had from Mesers LANE, CRAWVORD despatch. & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai and Mesers KELLY & WALSH, Shanghal, Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. OUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

shipping.

Steamers.

AND TAMSUL The Steamship Captain M. Young, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the St. Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, April 3, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

NOTIOE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be shortly after the arrival of the next French

H. DU POURY,

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship Comdt. GAUVAIN, WILL be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POURY.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877. FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Steamship Capt, Jaques, will load Tes at FOOCHOW for the above Ports at the opening of the coming Season.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, March 31, 1877.

Sailing Vessels. FOR MANILA. The Spanish Bark CEBADA, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 20th Instant.

Agents.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents

For Freight, apply to

For Freight, apply to.

For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, February 15, 1877:

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, April 8, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "MYSTIC BELLE, PLUMBE, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch as above.

Hongkong, March 10, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship W. TAYLOB, Master, will lead here, and will have attick despatch as above.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

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FOR NEW YORK. The 12 years 8/3 L. 1 1 Danish L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here, and will have immediate despatch as

vogel Hagedorn & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877. FOR LONDON. The British Ship

"ANGLO BARVAT, will bere and have immediate

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, March 9, 1877.

#### Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.

S. & C. 1 ,, 1 drum ) Disinfectants 1 cask in diamond SHIPPED BY SEWELL & COWTHER.

MONSIGNEES of the above named Cargo ex Palestine, are hereby informed that their goods have been landed and stored, and are now lying at their risk and expense uninsured against fire, in the Godowns of the Undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

DJEMNAH.

NOTICE. CONSIGNEES of Cargo per B. B. Craig forth and Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may & Co.

be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before 5 o'clock To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after 29th

March, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DU POUEY,

Agent. Hongkong, March 22, 1877.

# Intimations.

NOTICE.

TEITHER Captain Formes nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GARIBALDI," will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Melther the Captain, the Agents, nor A Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessele, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

ALDEN BESSE, American barque, Captain B. Noyes,—Rozario & Co.

MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain David Plumer.—Siemssen & Co.

Rosma, American S.m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Есно, British barque, Capt. George W. Toger.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

WINDERMERE, British ship, Capt. Mann. Meyer & Co.

IRIS, Dutch schooner, Captain J. Werterveld.—Order. Rosetta MoNeil, American barque,

Captain Brown.-Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. ARGONAUT, British ship, Captain John Anderson, -Meyer & Co.

### NOW READY.

TAKEG SHUI: OF THE RUDIMENTS OF NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr. E. J. Errais One Volume, 8vo. Price,

21.50. BUDDHISM, Its HISTORY, THEORY AND POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures. By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One Volume, 8yo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messes Lane, Crawford & Co.

Hongkong, July 31, 1873.

# To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

NY CLAIMS against the German Barque "LIMA," must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon TO-MORROW, the 5th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

FOR BANGKOK. The Steamship "GOLDEN HORN," Capt. G. ALTON, will be despatched for the above Port

on THURSDAY, the 5th Instant, at 5 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, April 4, 1877. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

MHE B. S. Japan, Captain H. Di Smith, having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and atored at Consigness' tisk and expense.

of their Goods.

DAVID SASSOON, SOMS & Co., Agents,

Hongkong, April 6, 1877. FROM CALOUTTA, PENANG AND

BINGAPORE: HE S. S. Argyll having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of

Lading for countersignature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Catgo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

#### To-day's Advertisements.

DENTAL NOTICE. TR. STOUT intends visiting JAPAN shortly, and would be glad if those who wish to Consult him professionally

would make an appointment for an Early HOURS FOR CONSULTATION: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No. 1, Alexandra Terrace. Hongkong, April 4, 1877.

#### SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 4, Albatross, German barque, from Whampoa.

April 4, Fu Yew, Chinese steamer, from April 4, Japan, British steamer, 1865,

H. de Smidt, Calcutta March 18, Penang 25, and Singapore 28, Opium and General. -DAVID SABSOON, SONS & Co.

April 4, Argyll, British steamer, 1271, Scott, Calcutta March 18, Penang 25, Singapore 28, General.-JARDINE, MATHESON

April 4, Benarty, British steamer, 1119, Potter, Saigon Mar. 29, Rice. - An You. April 4, Flintshire, Brit. steamer, 1243, Thomas, Saigon March 29, Rice. -A. MACG. HEATON.

April 4. May Goodell, American ship, 761, Amos, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Feb. 13, Coal. - ORDER.

April 4, Carisbrooks, British steamer, 896, M. S. Scott, Swatow April 3, Ballast. -Soon Cheong & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Apr. 4, Trio, for Macao. H.M.S. Hornet, for Amoy. Chento, Chinese gunboat, for a Yesso, for Swatow, &c.

CLEARED. Golden Horn, for Bangkok. Palestine, for Bangkok. St. Joseph, for Keelung. Alloe Mary, for Bangkok. Norma, for Swatow. Louisa, for Haiphong. François I., for Salgon. Fuyere, for Shanghai, Windermere, for Iloilo. Echo, for Bangkok.

Columbian, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ABRIVED. Per Japan, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs H. de Smidt, Major General Sir H. Norman, Major Goff, Capt. Smith, Dr. Smith, Capt. Rathborne, Lisut, Nicholson, Mr Murray, Mrs Kelly, and Professor Vanek and son, Per Argyll, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Scott, 275 Chinese deck and 4 natives of India. Per Benarty, from Saigon, 25 Chinese.

Per Carisbrooke, from Swatow, 679 Chi-DEPARTED. Per Yesso, for Swatow, &c., 4 Europeans

Per Flintshire, from Saigon, 2 Chinese.

and 150 Chinese. To DEPART. Per Norna, for Swatow, 200 Chinese. Per Louisa, for Halphong, 20 Chinese. Per François I., for Salgon, 60 Chinese. Per Fuyew, for Shanghai, 162 Chinese.

### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Japan reports After leaving Singapore experienced moderate N.E. monsoon and fine weather. The British steamer Argyll reports: Fresh head winds and sea throughout the

The British steamer Benarty reports Moderate N.E. winds throughout the

The British steamer Flintshire reports : Strong S.E. winds from Cape St. James to Cape Padaran, thence to port moderate monsoon and fine weather. The American ship May Goodell reports

Light variable winds and fine weather. The British steamer Carisbrooks reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

#### POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close :-

For KIUNGOHOW .-Per WASHI, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.

For BANGKOK .-Per GOLDEN HORN, at 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow, the 5th inst., instead of as

previously notified. For SWATOW .-

Per NORNA, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst. For BANGKOK. -

PUR RAJANATTIANUHAR, at 8 p.m. on Friday, the 6th inst. For HAIPHONG,-

Per Barque BREMA, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET. -The English Contract Packet-KHIVA. will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 12th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-

Wednesday, 11th Instant .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Night

Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 12th Instant. 7 A.M., Post Office opens for cale

of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FER of 18 cents extra 11 A.M., when the Post Office Croses

entirely. 11.80 A.M., Letters (but Letters only addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Pasket with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage;

11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally

ap11 Hongkong, April 3, 1877.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:-MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .to the Agents before Noon. The French Contract Packet PEIHO

will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 5th April, with Malls to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marscilles; to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Caloutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria,

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do :-

Wednesday, April 4 .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post

Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, April 5 .-

7. A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

(11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, (11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES

Hongkong, March 22, 1877. Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING. The following is corrected from the latest London Papers :-

DEPARTURES. Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hong-

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongrong. Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hong-

Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hong-

Dec. 4, Benclutha, from Cardiff to Hong-Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to

Dec. 17, Carricks, from London to Hong. Dec. 19; Channel Queen, from Cardiff to

Hongkong. Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Hong-Dec. 22, Sophie, from New York to Hong-

Dec. 28, lno, from Greenock to Swatow. Dec. 28, John Nicholson, from New York Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghai. Dec. 29, Ulysses (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai, (leaves B'pore, 3rd proximo.)

Dec. 29, Canaan, from Cardiff to Hong-Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to Jan. 11, Windhover, from London to

Jan. 12, Woodhall, from Hamburg to Hong Jan. 12, Hope, from London to Hongkong. Jan. 16, Gryfe, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 18, Batavia, from Hamburg to Hong-Jan. 31, Forward Ho, from London to Feb. 1, Robert Henderson, from Buryport

to Hongkong. Feb. 2, Polynesia, from Cardiff to Hong-Feb. 5, Carrigal, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Feb. 8, Daphne, from London to Hong-Feb. 12, Leading Wind, from Antwerp Hongkong.

Feb. 15, Bertha (str.), from Cardiff to Houghong. Feb. 15, Glaucus (str.), from Liverpool Shanghai, (left Singapore, 28th March.) LOADING FOR CHIMA AND JAPAN PORTS. At London. - Steamers via Suez Canal.

Candla. Argentino. Glenearn. Fleum Castle. Scindia Sailing Vessels. Belted Will Sir Lancelot. Penrith. City of Aberdeen.

Enid. Antwerp. Scindia. Ozaka. Kalsow. Commissary. At Liverpool.

Lord Macaulay. Anchises (str.) C. W. Cochrane. At Glasgow. Isle of Erin. Gleneagles (str.)

General Memoranda. FRIDAY, April 8:-Noon, -General Weekly Sale by Messers Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, April 7:-2 p.m. Furniture Sale, at No. 11, Old Bailey Street, 2 p.m. -Sale of Japanese Curios, &c., at

Mr J. M. Armstrong's Sale Room. San Lorento leaves for Manila on or about this date. Sunday, April 8 :-

Daylight Talwan leaves for Coast Port and Formosa. THURSDAY, April 12:-

2 p.m. -Sale of Ground, at Queen's Road East. SATURDAY, April 14:--3 p.m. -- American Mail leaves for Yoko-

Noon.-English Mail leaven for Ports

of Call and Europe,

hama and San Francisco. FRIDAY, April 80:-Terisd leaves for Manila on or about this

TURBOAY, May 1:-\$ p.m .- Occidental & Oriental B. B. Co. Steamer Idayes for Yokohama and Ban

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous. Claims against the Lima must be sent in

Shipping.

Noon.-French Mail, leaves for Ports Call and Europe.

5 p.m.-Golden Horn leaves for Bangkok.

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DEATH. At Calcutta, on the 10th March, of Heat Apoplexy, CLEMENT SMALE, B.A., Solicitor, Bombay, second surviving Son of the Hon. Sir John Smale, Chief Justice of Hongkong,

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AFRIL 4, 1877.

WE are very sorry to have to complain so much in regard to the performances of Mr Reuter's agency, but we really must bring them to task over one more little matter. On Saturday week we inserted a telegram, dated London, March 22nd, stating "The separate command in the Straits and China is to be abolished." In a copy of the Singapore Daily Times received this morning we find a telegram, dated London, March 21st, stating "The idea of making the Straits and China separate commands has been abandoned," Now what can be the meaning of this! Taken by itself the telegram dated the 21st is intelligible enough. It simply means that it had been proposed to have an independent command at Singapore and another at Hongkong, instead of both the commands continuing to be united in one as they are at present, in the hands of General Colborne; but this proposal had been abandoned at the date of the telegram, namely the 21st March. This being so, what is meant by the other telegram, dated from London one day later, stating that the separate command in the Straits and China is to be abolished? The latter telegram, read any way, must be a ludicrous blunder, and how any one could succeed in so perfectly Colleges in France and England. muddling matters passes our comprehension. If the first telegram be read without any reference whatever to the second, we think the community here will get a correct idea of the actual

position of affairs.

THE news brought by the mail from Japan tends to confirm the telegraphic termination of the rebellion. The rebels had apparently suffered a succession of reverses; had been driven from some of their strongest positions, and were then concentrated within a small area in the vicinity of Saigo's head-quarters. Our Yokohama contemporaries seemed to be expecting news of some decisive event at the time of the departure of the mail: The rebels appeared to have been badly beaten at Tawarasaka on the 18th ultimo, when they fled to the important strategic post of Uyeki, which is but a short distance in a north-easterly direction from the castle of Kumamoto, seld by the Imperial troops, From Uyeki they also had to retire after some severe fighting, and, according to the three miles of the Castle. The rumours of the surrender of the latter stronghold, by the way, appear to have been unfounded. There is every reason to believe that it was defended by the troops until the slege was raised an event which probably took place soon after the rebel reverse at Uyeki. Some fighting had also taken place at one or two other points of the rebel positions, and General Kurodo was reported to be executing an important flanking movement with a force of four thousand men a movement which it was believed would lead to some results of considerable moment. This then was the state of affairs as represented by the last mail advices. Perhaps the most important but still the meaning is plain enough !facts are that the army had evinced a good disposition to fight, while the navy ed with the army on one or two occasions in the operations against that the rebellion will not be without somewhat problematical when the trial will which had wrapped up in it a silver watch

some good results to the country. despite what is said to the contrary, by the recent sweeping measures and changes introduced by the Government, es pecially those touching the pockets of the upper class-measures which the semi-independent and proud Satsuma clan, trained to arms, and living in a country almost inaccessible to an enemy, could hardly be expected to accept without some show of resistance. The Government has been urged to end struggle by a compromise with the insurgents. If the permanent welfare of the country is to be secured, the Government will, we think, do wisely, in its negotiations with the rebels, to use every effort to bring them to exactly the same, position in regard to itself as that held by the other clans in the Empire. A semi-independ ent clan must be a constant source of trouble and danger in any country. One or two of our Yokohama contemporaries appear to be still inclined to believe in the truth of the confessions of the police agents and others who alleged they were Labuan dated the 22nd instant in which the to assassinate General Saigo. We notice, however, it is reported that one of these agents has now asserted that the rebels ture at Kagoshima.

THE telegrams from the Indian papers which we publish elsewhere throw a little light on the Reuter we published last night stating that England had signed a protocol between the Powers on the distinot condition that Russia would demobolise her ermy. It seems that this protocol is an agreement on the part of the Powers to urge upon Turkey the acceptance of the original programme presented at the Conference—a very proper step to take, we should say, after all the palaver and bother attending that memorable assemblage at the Turkish Capital. England has apparently signed the protocol on Russia giving a pledge to demobolise her army, and after certain amendments had been introduced into the document for freeing the action of he British Government in the future. A protocol, we may add, is merely a document serving as a preliminary to, or opening of, any diplomatic transaction; in fact, a draft treaty or agreement.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL

REUTER's Telegram dated London, 15th March, and which appears in the Indian papers, states "Sir Louis Mallet, Sir Arthur Kennedy, and Mr Mulholland have been appointed Special Commissioners to negotiate a new Treaty of Commerce between France and England." We are afraid there is some blunder in the names, because it is scarcely likely Sir Arthur Kennedy would be entrusted with such a mission as this, especially just now, when he has just assumed his new appointment.

H. I. C. M. gun-vessel Chi Ngan, Capt

Yip Foo, brought here some 28 Chinese

naval cadets en voute to Europe for educa-

tion. They are to be placed in the Naval Giquel takes charge of them and will place them as he thinks best. The Chinese Government means really to improve its navy and will spare no expense, as we hear it has estimated that the present movement will absorb something like \$100,000 a year, and has remitted that sum of money to Europe. The cadets will leave by the French Mail to-morrow. It had been conadvices that have been received of the templated to send them in the Chinese frigate Yang Woo, but the departure of Capt. Luxmore, R.N., from the Chinese service necessitated a change in the plan. Capt., Luxmore, by the way, resigned in consequence of some disagreement between himself and the Chinese admiral on board the Yang Woo, although the ta m of his service had not expired according to contract. The Chinese Government nevertheless compensated him with a sum of money equivalent to his full talary for the unexpired period. We may mention that Capt. Yip Foo was a student in St. Paul's College, as well as the Central School, whither he went to complete his education latest mail advices, they were resisting when the College was broken up during the advance of the Imperial troops within Bishop Alford's term of office; He was one of the first batch of boys selected by Capt. Swainson from this place for tuition in the Foothow Argenal. Capt. Yip Foo has risen to the rank of Commander in the service, and his present errand is two fold, as he is to convey the family of the Vicercy of Fokien up to Foochow on his return trip.

> It would seem from the following extract from the San Francisco Morning Call of the 27th January that some hopes are still entertained across the Papillo of bringing the C. O. Whitmore offenders to trial The Call is not very correct in its particulars,

"Ten seamen, who once belonged to the bark C. O. Whitmore, have been held at had at least exhibited no open signs of this port in \$500 bail, awaiting an opportudisaffection, and had, indeed, co-operat nity to testify against the officers of that vessel for causing the death of a seaman on board while on a voyage from Bath, Maine, to Hongkong. These seamen, sent over

The | be held for which the detained sailors are outburst was, no doubt, engendered, wanted. In the meantime for the lack of the necessary sureties, they are in

RICE Cargoes from Saigon to China, from

March 13th to 25th :-For Hongkong :- March 13, Cyphrenes, 36,700 picule, Ningpo, 23,000 piculs, and Ocean, 28,500 piculs; 15, Frangos Ier., 23,000 piculs; 16, Montgomeryshire, 32,000 picule, Yangteze, 20,0 0 picule, Jeddah, 25,000 piculs; 17, Chinkiang, 22,000 piculs; 18. Djemnah, 6 829 piculs; 19, Columbian 22,800 picula, Tientain, 20,500 picula, and Namoa, 22,500 piculs; 22, Olympia, 18,000 piculs; 23, Zamboanga, 16,000 piculs; 24, Golden Horn, 82,0.0 piculs; 25, Mecca, 21,000 piculs. For Swatow:—16, Carris-brooke, 23,500 picula; 21, Cheang-hookkinng, 19,000 piculs. For Amoy :- 19, Ferntower, 22,500 piculs.

THE Diario of Manila publishes the following sketch of artillery practice at Labuan. which, but for the accident, would be highly

To-day we received another letter from

employed by high Government officials following statements are made:-"The American man of war Tenessee arrived here at noon on the 19th. To-day she saluted the fort with 21 guns. Immediately an effort was made to reply to her with two wrung the confession from him by tor- wretched cannon, which are all the artillery here. There are no artillerymen, but there are policemen who do duty as such. They tried to make the discharges as rapidly as the man of war without putting the sponge into the cannon before introducing the cartridge into the bore, by loading them as if they were muskets which is the only method they had been accustomed to, so that, after firing 6 shots, 8 from each cannon, on introducing the 4th charge, the policeman acting as artilleryman was blown into the air, because he did not know even how to load, he having placed his whole body in front of the cannon's mouth instead of using only one of his arms. The salute was stopped for several minutes. Afterwards it was continued at intervals of two minutes between the discharges until 14 shots had been fired, when orders were given to stop, and no longer continue firing lest a fresh accident should happen with improvised artillerymen who did not know their duties. I cannot say who ordered the saluting to be stopped, whether it was the American Vice-Admiral, or the Governor of this island. Neither can say whether the wounded, man who acted as artilleryman has died or not, as he was taker to hospital severely wounded. Today there anchored in this port the Frenca barque Chateaubriand from Saigon with a cargo of rice and salt.

> THE Penang Gazette says that Sir Thomas Sidgreaves will not return to the Straits and that Mr. Phillippo has been, or will be, offered the post of Chief Justice.

> THE military correspondent of the Bombay Gazette predicts war in April. He describes Russia's plans and Turkey's unpreparedness. He asserts that England will support Turkey with a fleet and 30,000 troops under Lord Napier of Magdala. All this may be true, but it is exceedingly improbable.

In the House of Commons on the 15th February, according to the Daily News, "the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, in reply to Mr. GOLDSMID, said it had not been deemed expedient to take any action in consequence of the escape of Fenian convicts from Western Australia in the American ship Catalpa, beyond a strict inquiry into. and a revision of, the local arrangements \_. under which the escape of the convicts occurred. (Hear, hear.)

THE opium dealers of Bengal, says the Englishman, are alarmed at the superahundant quantity of the opium orop. Sixty-five thousand chests, Bengal drug, were manufactured by Government last year, of which only forty-eight thousand chests are to be sold during the year, and there will thus be a large surplus to add to the reserve stock. The prospects of the crop this season are equally favourable. Now, as opium will not keep, and the price is regulated by the supply, the dealers are anxious to know the intentions of Government with regard to the reserve stock, which will be more than equal to the quantity annually offered for sale. Dealers in Bengal opium are in a peculiar position. The drug is a strict Government monopoly as to growth and sale, whereas the cultivation of Malwa opium on the Western side of India is free and unlimited, under a certain fixed duty. In addition, Bengal opium dealers have to contend against competition in China from dealers in Malwa, and also from Chinese grown opium. Malwa is said to be superseding Bengal opium almost entirely in the northern ports of China, where there is the largest demand for the drug,

> Polico Intelligence. (Before James Russell, Esq )

April 4, 1877. MISCHIEVOUSLY DRUNK. John Preston, a seaman unemployed. was charged with being drunk at Holly. wood Road. When a district watchman went to him to quiet him, he gave him

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.

Yuen Ashing, a marine hawker, was charged with cutting and wounding a water carrier. The complainant and defendant were last year brought up for fighting and both were held to a rule of ball for two months. The complainant obtained his ball. but the defendant remained in durance vile for the period. After he came out of gaol, he went to the complainant's house yesterday with a sword and stabbed the complainant. It appeared that there had been some old grudge between the two, and a woman was at the bottom of it. The defendant was sent to 6 months hard labour, and to be bound over in \$50 for 6 months to keep the peace, in default to be recommended for deportation.

A LIGHT-FINGERED GENTLEMAN.

Wong Afook was caught in the act of stealing from on board the French steamer Peilto. He was seen to go into the engl neer's cabin, but he manipulated the door rather elumnily so that the oppupant of an the insurgents. The insurfection had by the United States Consul at Hongkong, adjoining eabin was disturbed and was also shown no signs of spreading. On were to be witnesses, but as the vessel is induced thereby to smerge from his room the whole it is to be hoped and believed not here and the officers are on board, it is He saw the defendant leave with a blanks

Bix months' hard labour and to be exposed in the stocks for two hours.

LABCENY.

Wong Asoo, a billiard marker at the United Club, was charged on suspicion of stealing a pair of silver bangles and other ornaments from a fellow servant. The things were traced to a pawn shop, but the pledger could not be identified. The case was remanded till the 6th.

BAD MONEY.

Ching Awan, a money charger at Yowmah-tee, was brought up with having in his possession several bad coins. From information received, Inspector Cameron went to search the defendant's shop and found therein \$4 together with other coins. dollars were spurious. A man named Kwan Alai stated that the defendant came to change \$13 for cash. discovered two of the dollars were bad and returned them to the defendant. quently he tendered the other eleven to a pig lan, but they were refused. He spoke to the defendant, but the latter £2,601,747, but a surplus, excluding public denied that the coins were those he had The complainant challenged him to take an oath before the Joss. The defendant agreed to this but told the complainant to meet him at the market there. The complainant went in accordance with this appointment, but the defendant failed to appear. A general talk occurred among the people in the market, and the matter came to the ears of the Inspector. Hence the The defendant was remanded till the 6th instant."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

CANTON SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE SHANTUNG FAMINE FUND.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Canton, April 8, 1877. Sir, -I have read your editorial in today's issue on "the Chinese in Hongkong. and the Shantung Famine fund." There are several errors in that portion of it which public may be aware of the following

1st, The name which stands on our list for the largest subscription is that of the Governor-General: one letter was written him on the subject, and he sent an early raply and a remittance of dollars.

"he would see what could be done."

One only declined to subscribe, and postponed this year on account of the readily. he did so on the very reasonable grounds that he had already subscribed in kind. have the very best means of knowing that during the past few days he sent nearly three thousand dollars' worth of grain to

the North. Quite three-fourths of the entire sum collected here has been contributed by | May. They have subscribed most liberally in some instances.

I send you herein my card as evidence of bona fides: but for personal reasons I prefer merely to subscribe myself

ONE WHO KNOWS.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times.) Paris, March 9.—General Ignatieff has

arrived here on his special mission. The discharged French soldiers who have rejoined their families in Alsace and Lorraine have been ordered by the German Government to leave those provinces, unless they renounce their nationality.

London, March 10,-Adespatch from the Porte has been received by Musurus Pacha the Turkish Ambassador in London, which details the reforms to be brought forward in Parliament, which meets on the 12th instant. Col. Valentine Baker has been instructed

to organise a mixed corps of gendarmes for service in Turkey. London, March 12 .- Count Schouvaloff

has returned to London from Paris, after having a special interview with General Ignatieff, and brings fresh proposals for collective action of the Powers in obtaining the acceptance by the Porte of the original programme presented at the Conference. Constantinople, March 12 - Montenegro persists in her demands for the cession of

territory and the seaport, before signing peace with Turkey. London, March 12 .- From 1st April the rate of exchange for the conversion of Indian pay into family remittances will be 1s. 9ad. London, March 13 .- In the House of said that the motive for recalling Captain at the Porte. Burnaby from Khiva was in pursuance of

our general policy, and not from any promptings on the part of Russia. Pamphlet has appeared from the pen of Mr Gladstone, entitled "Lessons in

Massacre, Rome, March 13.-The Pope held a Consistory yesterday, at which His Holiness nominated, among others, Archbishop Howard a Cardinal.

German Parliament yesterday, Prince Bismarck made a speech complaining of a decline in the national feeling, and of the particularist tendencies of the Federal of the prosecution of M. De Cassagnac.

Constantinople, March 13. - The opening of the Turkish Parliament, fixed for the 12th, has been adjourned till the 19th instant.

Galle, March 13 -The barque Lady Turner of Salcombe was burnt, 400 miles out, 56 days from Melbourne, bound for Colombo, cargo, bone dust, by spontaneous combustion. Capt, Vincent and all the crew wers saved, and were picked up 100 inlies from the burning ship in open boats by a steamer, Arratoon Aptar, going to Coina, They were landed at Galle on Sunday morning. A court of enquiry will be held to-day.

London, March 14.-A Cabinet Council posal made by Russia. Russia proposes that if the Powers will

agree to sign a protocol, urging upon the Porte the acceptance of the original programme presented at the Conference, she will not with them and demobilize her forces. Lord Derby has promised an early statement concerning the decision arrived

Madras, Mar. 14.—The expenditure up to date on the Madras famine amounts to morrow (March 27th). one million and a-half sterling. The decrease on relief works causes the enforcement of task works and a reduction of further consideration by the Governor's Sir R. Temple visited the Red Hills yesterday, where two deaths from starvation had occurred by the road-side

one day previously. At Sir Jung Bahadur's cremation, his three wives were burned with his body. Jung's death was very sudden; it took place after bathing, while at his devotions. Calcutta, Mar. 15 .- A meeting of the Viceroy's Council was held to day. following is an abstract of Bir J. Strachey's financial statement :-

Accounts of 1875 - 76: - Revenue Expenditure £ 52, 515, 789 sterling; £55,117,536. Including £695,779 famine relief and £4,270,629 on public works, there was an extraordinary deficit of works extraordinary, not on account of the famine, of £1,668,882.

Regular Estimates for 1876-77 :- Revenue £51,206,700; expenditure £57,285,000. Including £3,800,000 for public works, there is estimated an extraordinary deficit templated by the Imperial troops, or of a of £6,078,300; excluding public works march or counter-march of any section of extraordinary, £2,278,500. The estimated the army. cost of the famine, including the loss of reverue, is £3,100,000. Surplus on the account. ordinary £624,800.

Budget Estimates of 1877-78 :- Revenue £52,192,700; Expenditure £56,442,400. Including public works extraordinary £3,628,000, there is a deficit of £4,249,700, which is reduced to £621,700 by excluding extraordinary works. The estimated cost

the famine, of £928,300. him to ask Parliament for power to borrow £3,750,000 in England.

the abolition of the inland customs line and 2nd, He was not the official who said reduction of the salt duties. The Government pledges itself to abolish import duties 3rd, Several other officials contributed on cotton goods with the least possible All measures for fiscal relief are

> I Empire is considered satisfactory, and the future promising. The estimated Bills from India, 1877-78, are taken at 18,850,000 rupees. The present

intention of the Secretary of State is to sell Bills for 261 lakha weekly during April and The estimated balances to the credit of

Government at the end of 1876-77 are 11,539,700 rupecs; at the end of 1877-78, Constantinople, March 15. - The Porte has rejected the conditions of peace proposed

by Montenegro, which comprise the cession of territory and a seaport on the Adriatic. has arrived from Parls. It is generally reported that England has accepted the principle of the protocol presented by amendments, by which phrases which bind side, the police interfered and induced the our future action are avoided.-In the House of Commons, Lord Hamilton, concluded with Khelat was a revival of the vengeance against all dapanese. — Rising replying to a question, said that the treaty treaty concluded with that country in 1854 but adapted to present circumstances An aggressive policy, he said, was not

Aden, March 15. - The Pera, with the outward mails of 2nd instant, sailed hence for Bombay at 2 o'clock the afternoon. The Peshawur, for Galle and Calcutta, sailed at 3 is the afternoon to-day. Due therefore at Galle on Saturday next, the 24th.—En. C.O.]

London, March 17 .- In the House of Commons last night, Sir Stafford Northcote, replying to the Marquis of Hartington, said that the report that England had accepted the principle of the Russian protocol, but with certain amendments, was true, and The motion however met with no other that Count, Schouvaloff had received the amendments ad referendum, and now awaits. instructions from his Government.

Iondon, March 17 .- Sir Henry Elliott has been ordered to return to Constantinople Lords, Lord Derby, replying to a question, to resume his post as British Ambassador

London, March 19 .- The Oxford crew are the favorites for the boat race. General Ignati ff is the guest of Lord Salisbury at his country residence at Hatfield. H. M. Thetis has been towed into Malta, disabled, after being seventeen days short of provi-

delegates sent by Montenegro to arrange courteously handed us for publication by Berlin, March 13 .- At the sitting of the terms of peace with the Porte, now await

Paris, March 17. - After an animated debate, the Chamber of Deputies have approved

> Japan. (Gazette)

A new Japanese trade dollar has been issued recently, a handsome coin, and of the Dutch Government." full value which it represents-a coin admirably adapted to take the place here usurped by the Mexican as a medium of exchange, or at least to circulate side by side

A telegram from Colonel Hayashi at Kobs pays that a Chinese man-of-war, the Kaian, arrived there on the 20th. He boarded the vessel and asked the captain his business in Kobe. The reply was that the crew were was held yesterday to consider a fresh pro- being trained in seamanship. She will stop there for about one week, after which it is not yet decided whether she will go on to Yokohama or return to Shanghai,

An official notification has been issued by the Prime Minister deposing Oyama, late Governor of Kagoshima, from his office,

Letest advices from the Cape state that alities to collect subscriptions in aid of a lities to collect subscriptions in aid of a ling this, it is possible that the price of the fund for the relief of the famine-stricken fund for the relief of the Chinase provinces of said mineral oil will not fall at Mapila, by the latter having and relief of the Chinase provinces of said mineral oil will not fall at Mapila, by the latter having and relief of the Chinase provinces of said mineral oil will not fall at Mapila, by the latter having and relief of the Chinase provinces of the Chinase provinces of said mineral oil will not fall at Mapila, by the latter having and relief of the chinase provinces of the chinase province bhanung and Chibli, and has the members because in the said Colony, cases of it were

Work, which had been for some time suspended in the Takeshima coal mine owing to the fire there, was resumed a few days ago, wages. Owing to the prevalence of cholera, and three hundred tons of coal are got out Sir R. Temple and the Madras Government | daily. It is expected that, within a forthave been in conference regarding the night, an output of six hundred tons a day, reduced wage ration: the matter awaits the average quantity before the fire, will be

The Mai-nichi Shinbun asserts that, two or three days before the insurgents overtly took arms against the government, the agent of the Mitsui Bank in Kagoshima was requested to call at the Kencho. He did so, and was politely informed by the authorities of the projected rising and advised to deposit all the money then in his bank with the Kencho, for safe keeping against the insurgents. The agent acted on the suggestion, and immediately sent 500,000 yen in coin to the Kenoho authorities, who handed it all over to Saigo!

The Choya Shinbun publishes the following regulations for the guidance of newspapers during the continuance of the insurrection:-The proprietors of newspapers are warned

that they must not publish any of the following things :-1. The name of the sender of any telegram

received from the South. 2. The appointed date of an attack con-

3. The strength of the Imperialists or insurgents; and the arms, ammunition or including famine, accourrements in the possession of either

4. The names of Imperial officers who may be killed or wounded. -Notwithstanding the information may be received by telegram or post, or from the

best and most trustworthy sources. market distinguishable for the spirit of keen competition among foreigners, and it is emi-

should be adopted. The British barque Forget-me-not left this afternoon (March 22nd) for Shinagawa, to load rice for Amoy.

NAGABARL.

At 8.80 s.m. on Monday, a skirmish took place at No. 2 Hatoba, between Chinamen belonging to the frigate Ho Yan and Japaness coolies. The former were rowing their outter quickly and ran into a cargo boat which had been anchored a short distance off. Two oars were broken, and thinking the cutter was sinking the crew jumped into the cargo boat and got ashore. The London, March 15.—General ignatieff owner of the latter was not sparing of his other Japanese, so jeeringly annoyed the Celestials that they resented. before many blows were struck on either had in the meantime been secured along They left for their ship vowing

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.) At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, (March 23rd), Chinese Immigrants, Crimping and Deportation Bills were read a third time and passed. The Hon'ble W. H. Read proposed that the Chinese Immigrants Bill be read that day six months and again pointed out the difficulties as well as the dangers of bringing the Bill into operation. Hon'ble J. R. MacArthur seconded motion and the Attorney-General replied. support, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. The Hon'ble Mr. Whampoa was absent from indisposition, but, we Mr Whampon is of opinion that the Bill will be found unworkable. After the Bill was passed some interesting informal discussion took place, we are informed, and assurances were given that due precautions will be taken and full explanations given before bringing the Bill

into operation. The British steamer Bearl, Captain Munk, has imported from Amoy 485 Ohinese coolies for the Straits Settlements. The following Telegram for Batavia,

Constantinople, March 18 -The special received by French mail steamer has been

"In House of Commons question asked whether proposals received from Dutch Government regarding re-opening Coolie emigration from Calcutta to Surinama Lord Hamilton replying said Indian Govorument suggested, as temporary measure, sending 809 doolies, and Lord Salisbury consented. Respecting removal embargo upon coolie emigration, British Government had communicated its conditions which are now under the consideration of the

Manila.

(From the Singapore Daily Times.)

The Comercio of 28th Feb. cays, -Shortly before the Cadin left the port the name of which she bears, there was received at Madrid the approval of the design to construct a railway in these islands from Manila to Pangasinan, the plans for which had been submitted to a very respectable firm at London, and the idea being now a proved of by them it is intended to commence the preparatory measures towards proceeding further with the undertaking. Concerning Petroleum, the Diario of the

28th Feb. says, -In the steamer Esmeralda, We are requested to state that steps have which anshored in the roadstead yesterday, been taken to form a Committee of all nation- there have been brought here 900 cases of

are sorry to see householders disappointed in their hopes.

On the 6th March the Comercio adds :-The consignment of petroleum lately received has had but little effect on prices. By retail it is sold at two reals per bottle. Many shops which made use of the sold oll have returned to that from the cocoanut -a very pressic article, but much cheaper now. This is what we are coming to.

The same paper writes on the 9th March on the same subject :- It had been hoped that by the Butuan several consignments of this oil would have arrived, but not a case has come The price at Hongkong was \$5.50 per case, without hopes of a fall, because at that place also there had been indeed, need the remaining three be dwelt no fresh consignments.

notwithstanding 1,000 cases of petroleum had been brought to Manila by the Esmer- carrying, therefore, a large spread alda, the price of it continued then to be there ten dollars a case, with a prospect of General Admiral has reached approximate a speedy rise to twelve dollars should no completion; the other two, the Duke fresh consignments arrive.

THE GREAT SILVER QUESTION. By last mail from home we (Straits.) Times) received a pamphlet upon the great silver question, and we understand that copies of it have been sent to the Singapore and other Chambers of Commerce in the East for distribution. It consists of three letters addressed to a Liverpool paper by that sea belonging to various countries, Mr Samuel Smith, President of Incorporated Chamber of Commerce of Liverpool, the first two discussing whether the bi-metallic system of currency advocated by Mr Cernuschi and other French writers is practicable and desirable, and maintaining that it is both, and the last answering free-trade objections to the system. Smith asserts that the real cause of the fall in silver was neither the increased production, nor the diminished demand for India, In consequence of the attendance of but nor any other alleged reason, but the of £5,250,000 in the two years. There is a few members, the meeting appointed to be demonstration policy forced upon Europe surplus on the ordinary account, excluding held at the Chamber of Commerce to-day by Germany since the Franco-German war. (March 22nd) to discuss the important For three quarters of a century prior to The net amount borrowed in 1876-77 was resolution, "that it is desirable there should that event, France coined gold and silver £3,724,000; proposed loans in 1877-78 be in this port a silver currency among to an unlimited extent and made them both amount to £6,500,000, including a sum of foreign merchants which shall circulate in full legal tender at the fixed ratio of 1 of 2250,000 from Maharajah Scindhia for the interior of the country," was adjourned gold to 15th of silver. This ratio practically the Gwalior railway. Of the remaining sine die. This is much to be regretted; the obtained all over the world, and the business propose to point them one services; but I am the discussed is one of of the world was, roughly speaking, ask you to publish this letter, and if your 26,250,000, Government propose to raise resolution intended to be discussed is one of of the world was, roughly speaking, article has been translated, give the subsufficient attendance for the purposes of sudden increase in the yield of gold, from verbal discussion, the matter may be brought six to thirty millions sterling annually, prominently forward in the local press. The from the Australian and Californian mines charges are under consideration; also for mode in which Japanese coin is disposed of, in 1848-50, nor would it have been affected and the blind dependence of merchants upon by the increased production of silver of late sugar duties, and the equalization and the banks, seriously prejudice the freedom years, from ten millions sterling annually with which trade ought to be conducted in a to sixteen millions, had not France been compelled in self-defence to stop coining on the old ratio, owing to Germany resolving to demonetise silver and adopt gold nently desirable that a new coin of account as its sole standard. The true remedy for the fall in silver, and the sure way establish a stable monetary system for the whole world, which will render impossible such sudden and violent fluctuations as have been witnessed of late, is for all nations, or three or four of them, to retain both gold and silver as full legal tender money at a fixed relative ratio of value. This is quite possible, but can only be done by international agreement and legislation. Mr Smith considers that a more proper subject for international agreement could not be conceived, and the object of his pamphlet is to help to bring about an International Monetary Conference to consider the question. Mr Smith advocates

commodities, yet it can prevent fluctuations in value, as between gold and silver, by making them both legal tender at a definite ratio. Stability of value is one of the most necessary qualities of money, and it is selfevident that, with gold and silver both (of cords, pulleys, and shirt sleeves) below! than if each metal is allowed to fluctuate coming to it, presently. Going up in

THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

together to effect this desirable result.

The celebrated naval constructor, Mr E. Read, writes on this subject as follows ! I have promised to describe briefly the present ironelad navy of Russia. It consists first of three floating batteries of about 8,800 tons displacement, carrying 41 and in one case 6 inch armor, with no gun larger than one of 9) tons, and with a speed below 10 knots. Next there are 10 small American-type monitors, of from 1,400 to 1,600 tons displacement, carrying 5 inch armor and two 15t ton guns, at a speed of 7 to 8 knots; also three similar vessels slightly larger, but no stronger, except in carrying two turrets instead of one. Next come four vessely which were built in the days when many persons believed in rigged ironolada with low freeboard, and which would have shared the fate of the Captain Ead they ever been ment to sea. They are versels of about 8,600 tons displacement, carrying comparatively thin armor (61 and 6 inches), with guns in some cases of 27 tons weight, and steaming at 101 to 11 The capaiding of the Captain doomed these four vessels to harbor service. Then follow two wooden armor-plated frigates of large size and fair speed, but carrying very weak armor and comparative. ly light guns. A third trigate built of fron,

will probably be ready to commence work to- sold at \$5.40 each by last accounts. We but somewhat smaller, and in no sense above vessels, with the last named exception, are in the Baltic, and will probably remain there for ever; for, although many of them would, no doubt, be more or less valuable for defensive purposes, they cannot be considered fit for operating at any great distance from Cronstadt. There remain of Russian ironelads but six, among which are the Peter the Great and the two circular ironclads, of neither of which need I say more here. upon, inasmuch as they are but partially The Diario of the 6th March states that armored vessels, having a belt of armor only and being designed as cruising vessels, Of these vessels only one, the Edinburgh and the Mineen may, however, be finished in the course of next year.

I think it will be seen from the foregoing summary that the protensions of Russia in a naval sense are modest indeed. I do not hesitate to say that, so far from having evinced any great ambition in this direction of late years, Russia has allowed herself to fall far behind the position she ought to occupy even in the Baltic. There are very considerable ironclad squadrons in and Russia has done almost nothing of have for several years past been limited what I have said before-viz; that in the construction of all these vessels Russia has evinced a laudable desire to make such vessels as she does build worthy of herself, and has exhibited great originality and force of mind. I believe the Peter the Great and the two circular ships to be very powerful vessels indeed, in proportion to their cost; not their cost as swelled by fifty extraneous causes, but their legitimate cost as examples of naval construction. But a country may desire to distinguish itself in special designs without being supposed to enter into ambitious European competitions, and he must, I think, have either an finds a menace to Constantinople or to Europe in the construction, over a course of years, by the great Empire of Russia, of one powerful ship in the North and two small ones in the South.

I should like to conclude this letter, if you will allow me, by saying that, in my point, and stated his recollection of a case on opinion, the prohibition which Europe has all points agreeing with that before his Honor, imposed upon Russia with regard to the but he admitted he couldn't say where the passage of the Bosphorus, and which has driven her at a critical time to freeze up in looking for it in the Supreme Court Library. the Baltic the only powerful sea-going ship During the argument Mr. Ireland looked which she possesses is an element of the from bench to bar with pleasant impassive-Eastern question which it is idle to disregard. Prince Gortchakoff may write what the cat out of the bag. recently declared, that the presence of book it is in. Dropped on it by chance this common sense will believe that Russia can as free as other Powers to have access to that view of the matter had never occurred her own ports.

A QUEER SENSATION. Have you ever been in an earthquake? legislation in the matter because, although No. Then, alas! you do not know the the law cannot fix the purchasing power of sensation of gliding along the surface of the precious metals in relation to other this terrestial globe and taking the globe with you. But I had a sensation once to which even this was nothing. I am coming to it, presently. I have known many things more agreeable than a rapid descent through a stage trap into the "Enchanted Cavern legal tender at a fixed relative ratio, a But do not imagine that I refer to anymonetary system has a more stable base thing of that kind. Certainly not. I am separately. Mr Smith enumerates, as ad- | balloon may be a pleasant experience; but vantages from the adoption of a bi-metallic how about coming down again, with an system and the international recognition escape of gas, and the ballast all expended? of a fixed ratio of value between gold and | And yet my sensation was far more terrific. silver, first, it would facilitate transactions I am coming to it, presently. A friend of between countries using a gold and countries mine, who boasts that he never stops an using a silver standard, by reducing their omnibus to get out, and who consequently money, as it were, to a common deno- always alights on his back, must be thominator; secondly, it would be a gain to roughly used to that sensation by this time, the cause of honesty and fairplay as be- and I hope he likes it. Not that it is anytween man and man. Honest investors in thing like mine. I am coming to it prenational debts, loans, railways, &c., would sently. But first let me remark that the not be robbed as they are at present by the philosophy of dreams is but imperfectly divorce of gold and silver from each other understood. I wish some great mind would as to their relative value; thirdly, if the announce a lecture on the "Relation of bi metallic system is not adopted, countries | Dreams to the Actual Incidents of our using silver money will be ultimately all Daily Life." I don't think I should attend, driven to demonetise silver and use gold but I wish some one would explain how it SALTPETRE, exclusively as their standard, and thus, is that when you have been disturbed by instead of the world having, as heretofore, "Boots" in a dream of falling from the about 1,400 millions of gold and silver to | top of the Monument (and just as you have do the business of exchange there will be got half-way down) one goes off to sleep only 700 to 800 millions of gold, with a again and resumes the journey! Unless limited amount of silver for small change. you have actually done it, you have no idea The free trade objections are disposed of how much the dream resembles the rea by Mr Smith by the arguments, that gold sensation. Not that this was my sensation. and silver, from their durability, are not I am coming to it, presently. The absurd like other products, and experience has rumor that I had done the rapids, and went proved that cost or increase of production | over the Niagara Fall in a small cance and has little or no effect upon their value in a Boyton coat and continuations, was based relation to each other. This ratio of value on a dream which I had during a short between the two metals can, and should solourn in the hotel of the hospitable and be, fixed by legislation, and it only requires | ever watchful host, Mr Oldfield. There the leading commercial nations to combine was no occasion for me to try it, so completely had the effect been realised in my natural Imagination. But what I am about to speak of was no midnight fancy. I am coming to it, presently. I once heard Charles Dickens describe, with a kind of Hongkong Bank, 31 weird enchantment, the sensation of hold. H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$540 ing on to a first-class carriege which had China Fire Ins. Co., \$150 been shot over a bridge, and was hanging Ohina Traders' Ins. Co., 42,100 suspended by a single chain above the surging Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$620

river, into which other carriages and pass- Chinese Insurance Co., \$205 engers had been just precipitated. And yet, North China ins. Co., Tis. 910 after giving all possible help to the suffer Yangtese Ins. Association, Tla. 610 below, he actually returned to the carriage to pick up the M.S. of a monthly H.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., \$10 number of "Bleak House" which he had left on the coat, and which he found lying Chinese Imperial Loan, £108/10 scattered upon the floor. That must have been a sensation. And yet unlike mine. I am coming to it, directly. One memorable night in my public career I was destined to take part in a performance at Astley's for the benefit of the veteran equestrian Cooke; and while waiting for my "turn" I took to wandering at the back of the stage to pass away the time. All was darkness and gloom. I heard the distant tramp of the horses below, but I could see nothing, and eventually lost my way. In trying to retrace my steps, and to avoid a pitfall, I came seross a wooden partition, which I thought would guide me to a safe retreat. Presently I found the ground beneath me slightly moving. I seized the edge of the partition, or I must have fallen heavily-I knew not

where! Suddenly there came a flash stronger, may be classed with these. This light from a passing lamp (a glimmer of hope to me) and I realised my position. or almost the only ironclad that Russia was was standing on the back of a performing able to send to Besika Bay when the elephant placed under the hay loft into British fleet had assembled there. All the which I had wandered, and from which, but for that gentle creature, I must have fallen some fifteen or twenty feet into the open area below-probably never to rise again. That was my "Queer Sensation."-J. L. Toole in the Era Almanac.

#### Miscellaneous.

Ar the morning service of the Tabernacle lately. Mr Spurgeon said the seatholders would observe that the tickets of the new juster had a notice printed on them that they were not available for a certain even-The reason of this was that he was determined to have one service of his own. every quarter for the future. That one service would be for those who were not in the habit of attending at the Tabernacle, and he hoped all the seatholders would stay away from it. Let them on that occasion go elsewhere, and if they got more good at any other place, let them continue to go to it. As there were some persons who would grumble at any mortal thing, he had had the notification printed on the ticket, so that the seatholders might see that it was in the contract, and when they paid their money might know what was what.

THE Prince Imperial of France is now of average height and well-looking; his teeth late years in the way of competing with are extremely fine, and his mouth like that them. Her efforts at ironelad construction of the Empress, while the remainder of his solely to the three cruising partly armored labor is something extraordinary for one of two circular ironclads. I must repeat now all the morning for study. His professors are English, residing in London. He is now at an age to be admitted to Oxford, but it was preferred that he should study at Chiselhurst the higher branches of education, After lunch the Prince rides out; he has three saddle-horses, and among them Heros, the well-known sorrel of the Emperor. Two or three times a week he goes to London to take lessons in fencing. which is his great amusement; he also practices at home with Count Bassano. Without being attached to the British Army, he occasionally takes part in the drill of a battery of artillery, to which some of his Woolwich comrades belong; it is a fete for them when he goes to Aldershot.

I HAD an instance of Mr. Ireland's determination (says "Atticus" in the Melbourne Leader) to win his cause anyhow given me the other day. He had a bad case, and he knew it. Counsel on the other side (I believe Mr. J. D. Wood) was arguing a law case was reported, although he had been ness. He won, of course, and then he let " No wonder you he pleases, and may declare again as he has couldn't find that case, I was sitting on the Turkey on the Bosphorus is a thing quite | morning. Knew it would settle me if you pleasant in itself to Russia, but no man of got hold of it, so I just kept it out of the The other side urged that this was ever be contented in the East until she is not quite fair, but Mr. Iroland admitted that

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For the Consul, G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul. Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

NOTICE,

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TROM and after the Chinese New Year's day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of THI WEEKLY as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum. The charges for advertisements are nov assimilated to those of the China Mail. The unusual success which has attended

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